



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Serval Escapes from Animal Park**

April 2, 2010 – Waterford, VA – On March 31, Loudoun County Animal Control was notified that an approximately 20-pound serval escaped from the Leesburg Animal Park and had been spotted in the area of Gleedsville Road in Leesburg. Despite several sightings in the area, the animal has yet to be confined and is currently still on the loose.

The animal resembles a large spotted cat and is wearing a harness. The serval has been hand raised and is not considered to be a threat to humans. Residents who see the serval are urged not to approach it as it may be skittish and will most likely run away.

Anyone seeing the serval is asked to call Loudoun County Animal Control at 703-777-0406 or Leesburg Animal Park at 703-433-0002 immediately.

Loudoun County Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information can be found at [www.loudoun.gov/animals](http://www.loudoun.gov/animals).

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